(b) if so, the details thereof,

(c) whether it is also a fact that a demand has been received for expansion of the Integrated Child Development Scheme and Day Care Centres for children of working women; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI KANTI SINGH): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The Protection from Domestic Violence Bill, 2002, was introduced in the Lok Sabha on 8.3.2002. It was examined and reported upon by the Parliamentary Standing Committee on H.R.D. in its 124th Report. However, the Bill lapsed on the dissolution of the 13th Lok Sabha. The Government has initiated a fresh examination of the Bill.

(c) and (d) In a Public Interest Litigation, the Supreme Court, *vide* its order dated 29.4.2004, directed the Government of India to indicate the time by which it proposes to increase the numebr of Anganwadi Centres to cover all habitations. Universalisation of ICDS Scheme also finds a mention in the Common Minimum Programme of the UPA Government. In the above context, the State Governments have been requested to submit their requirement for additional ICDS Projects/Anganwadi Centres and proposals for expansion are being processed.

A demand has also been received from the Central Social Welfare Board for sanction of more creches. However, owing to constraint of resources, the same has not been met so far.

Fee Structure of IIMs Capital

1218. SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the statement made by the former H.R.D. Minister that Government's decision to reverse his order to cut fees in IIMs was a clear violation of the Supreme Court verdict;

(b) whether he has further asserted that IIMs needed only Rs. 5 crore of non-Plan support, and that while withdrawing the fee cut order, these facts were ignored; and

(c) if so, what is Government's reaction thereto and what legal remedy Government have in view if the above order is challenged in the Supreme Court?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) to (c) The Government reduced the fee for the Post-Graduate Programmes (PGP) in Indian Institutes of Management (IIMs) to Rs. 30,000/- per annum *vide* orders dated 5th February, 2004. The issue of reduction of fees of IIMs was brought to the attention of present Government immediately after its assumption in office.

The Government is fully committed to respecting the autonomy of all the institutes of higher learning. Therefore, the matter regarding revision of fees for PGP in IIMs has been reviewed by Government in consultation with them. It is relevant to add that the autonomy of the IIMs was given through a Cabinet decision in 1994. According to this decision, the IIMs can take decisions on matters related to fees on their own. This decision continues to be in force and has not been revised till date. All the Memoranda of Association of the IIMs also contain provision vesting the authority of fixing fees to their respective Governing Bodies/Societies. As such, neither under the Cabinet decision nor under the Memoranda of Association, the matter of fixing of fees falls within the jurisdiction of the Government. It has accordingly been decided to withdraw the Ministry's order dated 5th February, 2004, *vide* orders dated 29th June, 2004. Therefore, this order of the Government does not in any way violate any verdict of the Hon'ble Supreme Court.

Appointment of Urdu Teachers

1219. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have made tall promises about appointing 20 million Urdu teachers; and